

I write this letter regarding possible budgetary cuts that could severely affect ridership on Shore Line East trains traveling between New Haven and New London, CT.

Many people who live in eastern CT and Rhode Island and who work in New Haven utilize the railway system as their primary mode of transportation, myself included. We Shore Line East monthly riders will be severely put out if any budgetary cuts are made that will negatively impact funding for continued railway growth.

Many of us who work in New Haven but live in eastern CT and Rhode Island have built our entire work schedules squarely around the availability of the Shore Line East railway system.

We Shore Line East monthly riders highly encourage and petition the State of CT to continue expanded growth with continued funding for the Shore Line East railway system.

Creating more opportunities for increased commuter ridership on all types of mass transit, specifically railroad travel, is both economically and environmentally prudent, not to mention safer, as it reduces vehicular traffic on our roads and highways.

The government encourages mass transit and possible budgetary cuts affecting CTDOT will limit our ability to maximize the use of mass transit in its fullest capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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